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YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Boston Rescue Mission Newsletter

WINTER 2017

You are Transforming Lives

This past year, your compassion has transformed hundreds of people out of despair and given them hope. Those already on the journey of transformation bring hopeful news: more than 70% of Boston Rescue Mission residents succeed in completing their restoration program and are getting their lives on the right track.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for continuing that incredible life transformation journey for people like Dan and Mark. Because of you, on Christmas morning, they and many others will be pleasantly surprised with a few carefully selected gifts under the Christmas tree.

Blessed Holidays!

Rev. John Samaan,
President



When Everything Came Crashing Down

Hello. Daniel here. The Mission has given me a foundation to restart my life the right way.

Life started out ok through high school. I got married, then divorced. A year later, I tried drugs and started drinking more heavily. Painkillers came next-- then heroin. I used to tell myself no heroin ever. That led me to detox, and a new desire to make good choices.

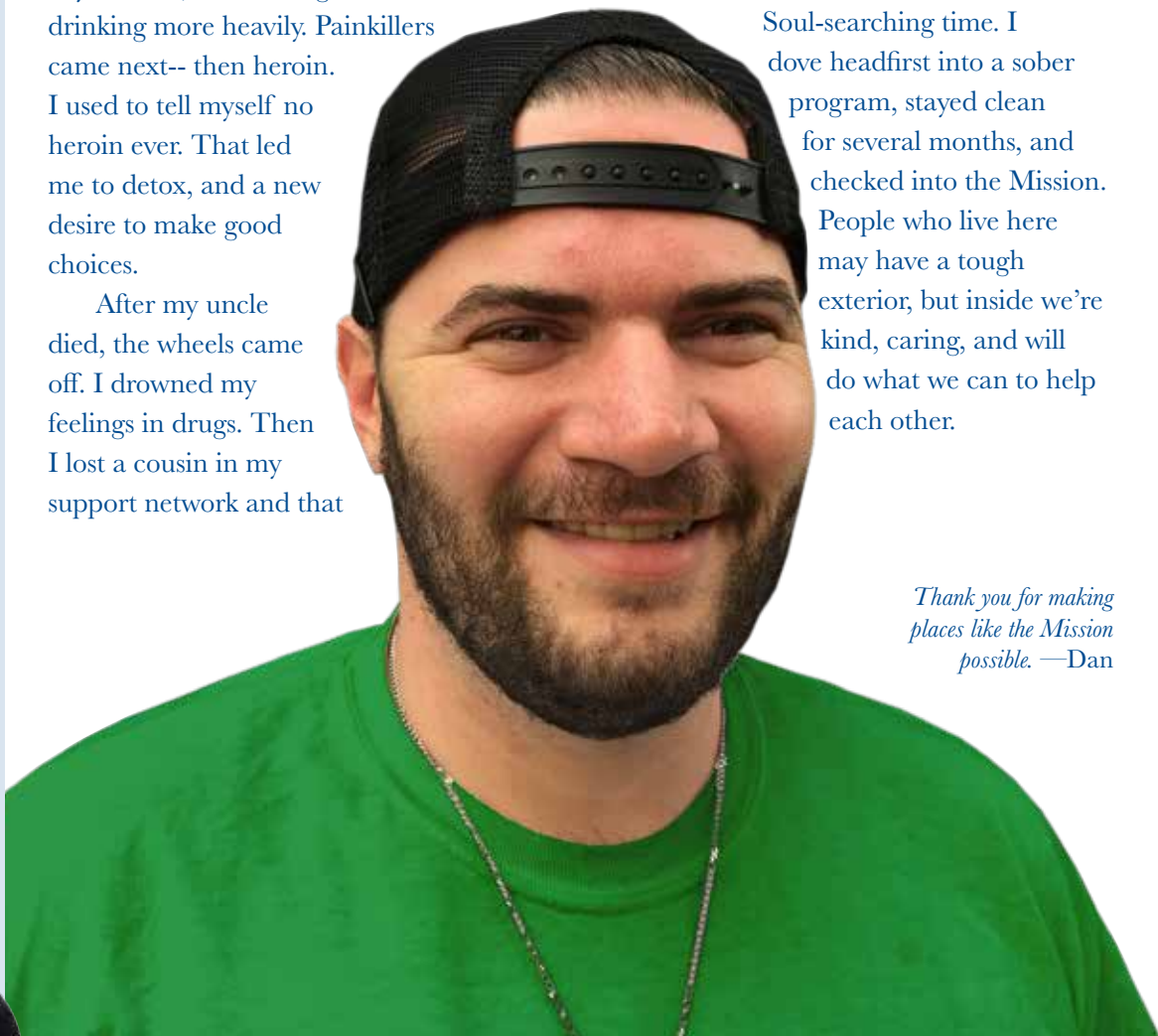
After my uncle died, the wheels came off. I drowned my feelings in drugs. Then I lost a cousin in my support network and that

*“No More Drowning
My Feelings in
Drugs”*

really shook me. I became homeless and lived on the streets for a month.

Soul-searching time. I dove headfirst into a sober program, stayed clean for several months, and checked into the Mission. People who live here may have a tough exterior, but inside we're kind, caring, and will do what we can to help each other.

*Thank you for making
places like the Mission
possible. —Dan*



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My Gift To Feed & Shelter The Homeless

YES, John, You can count on me to help those in need. **Here is my gift of:**



WAYS TO GIVE

■ **Telephone** – 617-338-9000 ext. 1209

■ **Online** – Go to www.brm.org & click on the Donate Now! button.

■ **Mail** – Cut on the dotted line & return this form with your check to the Boston Rescue Mission or fill in your credit card information below.

Please charge my gift on my credit card:

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Card Number _____

Signature _____

Expiration Date _____ CVV _____

Your gift is tax-deductible as allowed by law. You will receive a receipt.

A THANKSGIVING FEAST FOR EVERYONE

On Sunday, November 19th, the Boston Rescue Mission will celebrate our annual 'Day of Thanks'. Hundreds of homeless people and needy families will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Food baskets with turkeys and all the trimmings will be given to families to enjoy at home. The 'Day of Thanks' begins at 12 noon with an opening ceremony featuring local dignitaries working to transform lives. Please join us for this and for a tour of the Mission! If interested, please contact Eric at 617-338-9000 ext.1209



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, along with HHS Secretary Marylou Sudders serving hearty turkey dinners at last year's Day of Thanks.

Join the Giving Tuesday Trend!

#GIVING TUESDAY

You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Now there's GIVING TUESDAY!

On November 28th, take a portion of your holiday shopping funds and donate them to the Boston Rescue Mission. Thousands of hungry women and men depend on the Mission for a hearty meal. They come hungry from many walks of life and most are homeless. Yet we depend on friends like you to help us provide these meals. So on Giving Tuesday, please visit www.brm.org and click 'Donate Now'!

Putting the Disease to Rest

Hi I'm Mark. At the Mission, you can get help, but you have to do the work of recovery yourself.

I inherited my mother's functional alcoholism early. I ended up dropping out of school, drinking, drugging, and living on the street. At 23 I went to jail. When I got out, the crack epidemic took me down for several years.

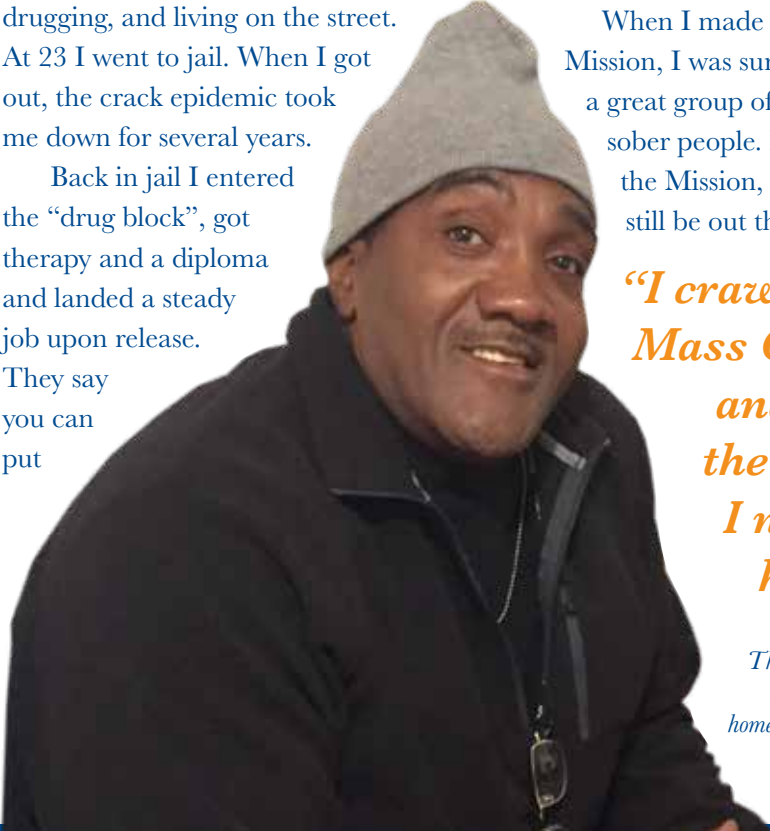
Back in jail I entered the "drug block", got therapy and a diploma and landed a steady job upon release. They say you can put

the disease to rest, but it can resurface, and it did. For years, alcohol beat me down and my age didn't help. One morning I crawled into Mass General and told my doctor I needed help.

When I made it to the Mission, I was surrounded by a great group of clean and sober people. If it wasn't for the Mission, I'd probably still be out there drinking.

"I crawled into Mass General and told the doctor I needed help."

The Mission supports both people who are homeless and in recovery —Mark



Stocks, Mutual Funds, and Bonds Make Great Year End Gifts

Did you know that charitable gifts received prior to January 1, 2018 are fully deductible on your 2017 itemized income taxes? Also, a gift of an appreciated asset like common stock, mutual fund shares, or bonds may reduce your tax obligations

on capital gains. To make a gift of appreciated assets, contact Eric Grenfell-Muir at 617-338-9000, ext. 1209 or by e-mail at egrenfell-muir@brm.org.

\$19.20 Does Much More Than Feed 10 Hungry People



Not everyone who comes to the Mission to eat is homeless. Between gas, rent, utilities, and medical bills, families don't have enough left over to buy food. They come to the Mission's kitchen or food pantry for meals to help tide them over and keep them on their feet!

So would you please provide as many meals and as much help as you can? Mail your gift today in the enclosed envelope, or give online at www.brm.org. Thank you!

CIRCLE OF hope

Your Monthly Gifts Create a Circle of Hope

When you support the Mission's life-transforming programs with a monthly gift, you bring hope to homeless guests every day of the year. And when you setup an automatic gift online at www.brm.org, you skip the checks, envelopes, and stamps. Please join our monthly giving Circle of Hope today.